

Senate Bill 350

By: Senator Smith of the 52nd

AS PASSED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Rome, approved August 19, 1918 (Ga. L. 1918, p. 813), as amended, so as to authorize the City of Rome to exercise all redevelopment and other powers authorized or granted to municipalities under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as now or hereafter amended, and to provide for certain such powers; to provide for a referendum; to provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act creating a new charter for the City of Rome, approved August 19, 1918 (Ga. L. 1918, p. 813), as amended, is amended by adding a new Section 2-19 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2-19.

The City of Rome shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other powers authorized or granted to municipalities under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as now or hereafter amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City of Rome to undertake and carry out all redevelopment powers, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, as amended, and the power to enter into contracts with private persons, firms, corporations, and business entities for a period not exceeding the period specified in the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law.'"

SECTION 2.

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election superintendent of the City of Rome shall call and conduct an election as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Rome for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall conduct that election on a date specified by the City Commission of the City of Rome in accordance with Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once at least 30 days prior to the election in the *Rome News Tribune*. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Rome to exercise
all redevelopment and other powers authorized or granted to
() NO municipalities under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law' of the State of
Georgia, as now or hereafter amended?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If the Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Rome. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.